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TAGS : PINS, EMIN, ET

SUBJ : ELF POLICY ON EXPLOITATION OF MINERAL RESOURCES

1. REP OF ETHIO-NIPPON MINING YESTERDAY ASKED CONSOFF WHETHER ELF IS AGAINST ALL MINING IN ERITREA OR WHETHER IT WILL PERMIT MINING IF PAYOFF MADE. ETHIO-NIPPON PRESENTLY NEGOTIATING WITH IEG TO REDUCE OPERATION TO MINIMUM PERMITTED UNDER CONCESSION AGREEMENT, I.E., LIASON OFFICE IN ASMARA AND DEBARWA. ACCORDING ETHIO-NIPPON REP, IEG HAS ASSURED FIRM THAT IT ABLE PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ITS CONTINUED OPERATION. ETHIO-NIPPON PERSONNEL NOW TRYING DECIDE WHETHER TO ACCEPT IEG ASSURANCES OR TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH ELF.

2. ETHIO-NIPPON REP IS VALUABLE CONSULATE CONTACT. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO ON ABOVE SUBJECT. WEDERFORT MAY HAVE INFO ON SUBJECT.

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